

- 37 (New) The material of claim 35, wherein said final product is knitted.
- 38 (New) The material of claim 33, wherein said antimicrobial fiber is imparted with antimicrobial characteristics after the material is assembled into a final product.
- 39 (New) The material of claim 19, wherein said antimicrobial fiber comprises fine fiber of 1.0 denier or less.
- 40 (New) The material of claim 39, wherein said fine fiber and said antimicrobial fiber are combined into a single yarn.
- 41 (New) The material of claim 40, wherein said yarn is imparted with antimicrobial properties after the material is assembled into a final product.
- 42 (New) The material of claim 41 wherein said final product is woven.
- 43 (New) The material of claim 41 wherein said final product is knitted.
- 44 (New) The material of claim 39, wherein said antimicrobial fiber is imparted with antimicrobial characteristics after the material is assembled into a final product.
- 45(New) The material of claim 26, wherein said antimicrobial fiber is coextensive with said fine fiber of 1.0 denier or less.
- 46 (New) The material of claim 45, wherein said yarn is imparted with antimicrobial properties after the material is assembled into a final product.
- 47(New) The material of claim 47 wherein said final product is woven.
- 48 (New) The material of claim 47 wherein said final product is knitted. –

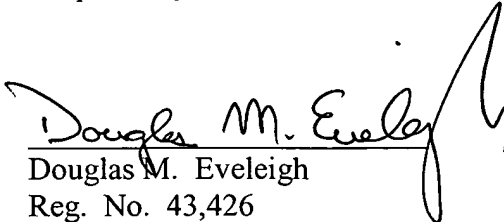
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### CONCLUSION

The Applicant respectfully submits that the above Preliminary Amendment presents no new matter in the Application, and was not made for reasons related to patentability, but was rather made because the Applicant merely prefers the above language to describe his invention.

If any additional information is required, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (312) 701-8738. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees (or credit any overpayment) associated with this communication to our Deposit Account No. 13-0019. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 not accounted for above, such extension is requested and should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

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